



May 15, 2021

APTA Emerging Leader Award
Member Engagement Department
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Alexandria, VA 22305

Dear Emerging Leader Awards Committee,

It is my pleasure to nominate Weston Vik, PT, DPT, Board-Certified Orthopedic Clinical Specialist, as the Idaho Chapter's candidate for the 2022 APTA Emerging Leader Award.

In our rural and very large state, it is helpful to have remote leaders in positions where they can influence others away from the central leadership. As our North District Chair, Dr. Vik has done this very well for us in Idaho. While the majority of the population and therapists reside in the southern parts of the state of Idaho, Dr. Vik has represented APTA Idaho admirably as our North District Chair for the past four years. He has brought therapists together often for pub nights and to build good relations. He actively espouses the ideals and principles of APTA in his service. His perspectives on the needs of the therapists in Northern Idaho are crucial for our organization.

In continuing an APTA initiative, Dr. Vik has participated in efforts for opioid misuse solutions in Northern Idaho as part of the Panhandle Health Prescription Opioid Solutions Team and participated in the North Idaho Rx Opioid Solution Symposium.

Dr. Vik is a capable clinician and advocate for our profession. I can foresee further leadership and advocacy from Dr. Vik and he is deserving of this award. It is my hope that he takes an even greater role in APTA Idaho in the future as an executive board member.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Derek Gerber".

L. Derek Gerber PT, DPT, EdD
Board-Certified Orthopedic Clinical Specialist
President